

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO KELLY M. RAMIREZ

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Kelly M. Ramirez. On September 20, 2001, the women of Girl Scout Troop 801 will recognize Kelly for receiving her gold award.

Since the beginning of the last century, the Girl Scouts of America have provided thousands of young women each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

These awards are presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our Nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. The Gold Award represents the highest awards attainable by junior and high school Girl Scouts.

I ask colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipient of this award, as her activity is indeed worthy of praise. Her leadership benefits our community and she serves as a role model for her peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Kelly, and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young woman on her day of recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2001

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

The GCSAA is the professional association for the men and women who manage and maintain golf facilities in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas, the association carries out its mission to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.

The GCSAA was founded on September 13, 1926, when a group of 60 visionary greenkeepers met at the Sylvania Country Club in Toledo, Ohio, with the purpose of forming an organization that would inform and educate its

membership and strive for a better future for those who manage the playing fields of golf. Originally called the National Association of Greenkeepers, the association has grown to more than 21,000 individual members in the United States and 65 other countries. GCSAA and its members are leaders in the golf community.

As in 1926, the advancement of the superintendent profession, and the game and business of golf, are at the heart of everything the GCSAA does today. GCSAA offers numerous educational and informational programs to serve an ever-growing membership—education that spans the scientific, technical, environmental, professional development and resource management aspects of the profession.

In recent years GCSAA has expanded its role so that it not only serves its members, but also the people, organizations and institutions allied to the game of golf. From funding university turfgrass research, to promoting the participation of youth, minorities and persons with disabilities in the game, to being a major participant in the arena of environmental stewardship, GCSAA continues to take an active approach in making golf better. Today the superintendent is recognized as a key to golfer enjoyment and to the economic vitality of the golf course.

GCSAA has spent the last 75 years advancing the golf course superintendent profession and enhancing the game of golf and will only continue these great achievements in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America as they celebrate 75 wonderful years of association history and heritage.

AUTHORIZING USE OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2001

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to address the necessity, imposed on us by unspeakable acts of terrorism, for the United States to respond to the killing and injuring of thousands of our fellow citizens, almost all innocent civilians.

This Nation has the right and obligation to both respond to and defend itself from the violent enemies of our freedom and liberty. Those persons and/or entities that were either directly involved in or provided any assistance to the acts of September 11 pose a clear and present danger to the lives of our people and to our very national security. We will find those responsible and make certain that they, and anyone who helped them, are fully punished.

This attack on America and its people will not stand.

Moreover, as we cannot rule out future attacks on U.S. soil or to American interests overseas, we must take a comprehensive approach to this challenger. Appropriately, we will utilize the first rate capabilities of our Armed Forces to ensure the personal security of each and every one of us, at home or abroad. To that end, we commit ourselves by the resolution before us, to root out terrorism wherever it is found around the world.

It will not be an easy task to defeat terrorism. It will require considerable resources and patience. There is no quick solution. I am confident, however, that the President and the Congress, working together, will find the means and methods to prevail.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I along with my committee colleagues will perform our duty in providing U.S. Armed Forces the necessary resources to deter and defeat the threat of terrorism. I know that our colleagues will support our work.

There is yet considerable work to be done in the days and months ahead. I am confident that our Nation, and our Armed Forces called upon to defend all Americans, will meet the challenges that lie ahead—just as we have from Concord and Lexington through the war in the Persian Gulf.

I strongly urge passage of the Resolution.

A VISION FOR SAGINAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Saginaw Intermediate School District Superintendent Richard Lane, Board of Education President Joseph W. Powe, Vice President Ruth A. Coppens and members Leola Wilson, Gerald W. Rustem and Richard F. Burmeister, Jr., upon the occasion of the dedication of the Saginaw Intermediate School District Transitions Center. Their hard work, foresight and initiative in building this center has greatly enhanced the educational potential of the district and will do much to improve the future of all residents.

The Transitions Center, the fifth complex owned and operated by the Saginaw Intermediate School District, will house two school programs, each designed to enable students with various disabilities to learn important and vital life skills. The lessons they learn at the center will provide these students with valuable tools to gain and maintain jobs, live independently and function responsibly long after they leave school. Their efforts also will greatly improve the entire community by unlocking the potential of those whose unique gifts might otherwise have gone untapped.

Throughout the years, the tremendously capable and hard-working leadership and staff of

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